

REMARKS

We respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above application, in view of the present amendments and remarks. The undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Cain for speaking with her regarding the claim amendments in the present application.

The claims have been renumbered to correct an error in the numbering order. In particular, when originally filed, the number 6 was omitted. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 35 (formerly 36). Claim 35 has been canceled. New claims 47, 48, and 49 are the limitations of original claims 15 (formerly 16), 21 (formerly 22), and 38 (formerly 39), respectively, rewritten to incorporate the limitations of original claim 1. Claim 46 (formerly 47) has been amended to include the limitations of claim 35. New claims 50, 51, and 52 are the limitations of original claims 15, 21, and 38, respectively, rewritten to incorporate the limitations of original claim 46.

According to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006, claims 15, 16, 21, 35, and 38 were allowable if rewritten to incorporate the independent claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the claims, as now amended, are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

FEES


Please debit \$1200 [(6 additional independent claims not previously paid for at \$200 each] in claim fees from Deposit Account No. 12-2355. It is the belief of the undersigned that there are no other fees associated with this filing.

However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2355. Further, please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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